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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/688,206 Confirmation No. 6657  
Applicant : William T. Urmson, Jr. et al.  
Filed : October 17, 2003  
Title : TIE PLATE  
Group Art Unit : 3617  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2004, Applicants submit an accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and the following Amendments and Remarks.

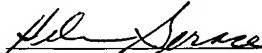
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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